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The New Year.

Another year of hope and fear, of joy and sorrow, is fast drawing to a close, and we are again upon the threshold of a new one. Though the year that is closing its doors upon us has been short, yet many and great are the changes that it has brought about. Look back you, who are reading these lines, and mark the changes that have taken place even in your circle of acquaintance. Do you not, at once, call to mind many who, one year ago, were full of life and hope and happiness, whose voices rang loud with a "Happy New Year," and whose hearts beat high with joyful anticipations of the future, who are now dead and gone? Do you not find that the past year has brought about more, and greater changes than you dreamt of, when twelve months ago you welcomed it in? A year is but a little while; yet what a multiplicity of care and duty and sorrow and pleasure are wrapped up in it!

The commencement of a New Year is a peculiarly fitting period to take a retrospective glance. It is at this time that we should carefully examine our past lives to see wherein we have erred and faltered in our duty that we may be better prepared to surmount the obstacles which may beset us in our life-journey. No one of us will fail to find some misdeed, some misstep in the past, which our earnest endeavor should be to remedy in the future.

We each and all are looking to the year on which we are entering with varied emotions of hope and joy. All of us are planning new schemes, solving new problems whereby we may attain to a greater degree of happiness than we have yet realized. Some will undoubtedly be sadly disappointed; others will be crowned with abundant success in all their efforts; while death will cut down, one here and one there, by the wayside.

We wish each and every reader of the TRANSCRIPT a happy New Year. May the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine crown their efforts with success, and bring them an abundance of peace and prosperity and happiness. That no sorrow may cross their pathway, or grief afflict their household, is our sincere and earnest hope.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.—The Congressional Library now contains 172,965 volumes, of which 8,500 books and 2,500 pamphlets were added during the past year. The law department contains 24,668 volumes, and the receipts last year, under the copyright law of 1867, have been 1,700 books and 3,400 maps, periodicals and engravings, which are supposed to be about three-fourths of those to which the government is entitled under the law.

A MURDERER EXECUTED.—Jones, the murderer of his niece, was executed at London, Ont., on the 29th. Many thousands of people were collected about the scaffold.

DECLINES A DINNER.—Samuel Bowles, editor of the Springfield Republican, declines a dinner tendered him by Gov. Bullock and other influential citizens of Boston. His letter of declination discusses at some length the duties of independent journalism and of the American press as the best defence of the rights of the American people.

DROWNING OF THIRTY PERSONS.—The Binghamton (N.Y.) Republican of Monday says:—"A distressing accident is reported to have occurred in Jackson, Penn., on Thursday, 24th instant, to a sleighing party, while on their way to Eho, to attend a Christmas entertainment. The report is to the effect that the party—some thirty in number—were riding in a large sleigh, and in order to shorten the distance the driver was directed to cross lots. In doing so, in order to reach the road again, a pond had to be crossed. Unfortunately the original ice had been cut, the place being at the time closed by a thin sheet of ice. This was not observed, and the team, upon being driven upon the ice, immediately went through. The report we have says that thirty persons were drowned, none of the party but the driver escaping."

Railroads.

The Montpelier Journal of Saturday contains an elaborate article on the subject of the Portland and Rutland and Wells River Railroads, from which we make the following extract:—

The action of Montpelier, we think, well timed. It is not only true, as the wise man of old said, that there is a time for all things, but there is also the best time for everything; and the greatest poet of our race proved greater wisdom than Solomon's when he told us that there is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune. It is flood-time now for railways between the East and the West, and the tide is likely to carry more than one new line through Vermont. Portland is determined upon a road, and has begun the work with a liberality which not only deserves but certainly

will command success. Gov. Washburne has written that by the 1st of January, 1869, the Portland and Ogdensburg Company will have one million of dollars of stock subscribed, which is enough to ensure the construction of a road from Portland to the New Hampshire line at Conway, and more than enough to secure its construction to the junction of the Ossipee and Saco rivers. The Rutland and Woodstock road is inviting Portland to take either the Ossipee route or the Portland and Rochester and Winooski route, arguing for either line as very much less in cost than the more northern route, while St. Johnsbury and the Lamotte Valley are urging the northern route.

Now Montpelier steps in with Rutland and urges the cheaper route, which will give Portland two strings to her western bow if she likes—via Wells River, Montpelier and the Central and Ogdensburg roads, and via White River Junction, Rutland and the New York Central roads.

VANDERBILT'S DEPOT.—The New York correspondent of the Boston Journal says that the great depot that covers St. John's Park is approaching completion. It occupies four acres in the heart of the city, and is said to be the largest railroad depot in the world. The act of Legislature authorizing the sale of the park made the consent of Trinity Church a condition in the sale. Trinity demanded \$400,000 before her approval could be secured. The price paid for the land by Vanderbilt was \$1,000,000. Paying Trinity \$400,000 it left \$600,000 to be distributed among the property holders around the park. Before the sale was made public property was very low. Respectable people had moved from the vicinity and trade had not come in. Houses were sold at from \$8,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000. Each owner of property round the park was entitled to \$15,000 on each lot, to be paid for out of the sale of the park; so the fortunate holders of real estate got their property for almost nothing. Besides this, the moment the sale transpired, it fixed that location as the great business location of the city. Property went spinning up and doubled almost in a day. Those that held property that could not be rented, nor scarcely sold, are chuckling over their good luck.

The Old and New Year.

The last number of the new weekly illustrated paper, *Hearth and Home*, contains a fine engraving by Thomas Nast, representing the dying of the old year and the advent of the new, accompanied by the following beautiful poem by Tennyson:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow!
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true!

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right;
Ring in the common love of good!

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing of old age;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace!

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be!

Personal.

The New York Sun says: Larkin G. Mead, the Vermont sculptor, has married an Italian lady with large black eyes and a fair complexion. She has a very quincly manner, and is much taller than her husband. She is just beginning to talk English. When Mr. Mead married her she could not speak a word of English, nor he a word of Italian. All his friends were very much opposed to his marrying an Italian woman, but he whispered that if he did go it dumb he didn't go it blind. He lived in the house with her for three years. Mead is short and slender, and weighs less than his young wife.

The son of Joshua Sears, of Boston, who died ten years ago, is 14 years of age, and one of the richest young men in the United States. The father, whose property was valued at \$1,600,000, after bequeathing small sums to his relatives, provided that his son should have \$2,500 annually until attaining the age of 21; the sum of \$30,000 at that period; \$4,000 annually until he had passed the age of 24; \$6,000 annually until he had passed the age of 30 and \$20,000 per annum after that time. The property remains in the hands of three trustees, and the simple interest on the original amount added to the principal has reached the sum of \$3,300,000, while the assessed value of the real estate bringing this sum is valued at 20,000,000. The trustees have a salary of \$5,000 each, and the commissions received from the collections of rents amount to a sum equal to the salary of the President of the United States. Young Sears is now in Europe, where he is fitting himself for the active duties of life.

Paul de Cassagnac, of the Paris Pays, has already fought upward of sixty duels, and has been wounded in only four of them.

A Leipzig dealer in autographs makes liberal offers for autograph letters of Gen. Grant and other American celebrities.

The proprietors of the Paris Avenir have lost \$30,000 since its establishment, principally from fines imposed for press offences.

Colonel George W. Baylor, who killed General John A. Wharton, in Houston, Texas, in 1865, was tried recently in that city, and the finding of the jury was "not guilty."

The monument to General W. H. Stevens, of the late Confederate army, is completed, and on exhibition in Richmond.

Belle Boyd was last heard of in Austin, Texas, as a lobbyist, at the convention.

Michel Chevalier and Henri Landriault, the two eminent French political economists, are at work upon a book on the financial affairs of the United States.

Tennyson recently visited Paris, where he was received by a Committee of the Association of French Authors. On the evening of the second day after his arrival the Authors' Association gave a soiree in his honor, at which Paul Faval read his new translation of "Enoch Arden," and Louis Ratisbonne, the translator of Longfellow's poems, presented a golden laurel wreath to Tennyson.

The Dead of 1868.

Our obituary record has contained during the past year the announcements, from time to time, of the death of many well-known and respected citizens, who were identified with the local history of our own city. The list embraces the names of the venerable Paul Revere, Watson Freeman, Enoch Train, Oliver Brewster, Joel Thayer, George H. Gray, Charles Emerson, James Tolman, Samuel Nicholson, Alonzo C. Jackson, William E. Whitney, James G. Blake, Frederick R. Woodward, Charles S. Burgess, Robert Hooper, Co. E. D. Brigham, Dr. John Homans, George M. Soule, Amos Cummings, Luther Ham, Henry A. Drake, W. H. Seavey, Francis K. Fisher, James W. Paul, William D. Solter, Sheldon Crockett, A. G. Wyman, W. T. G. Morton, Thomas A. Goddard, Thomas G. Addison, George A. and Samuel Neal. The deaths in literary and artistic circles have not been numerous, though some of the shining lights have gone out. We may mention the names of Hon. Albert G. Greene, who wrote "Ol. Grimes," and other equally well known pieces; Professor C. C. Jewett, the Superintendent of the Boston Public Library, a man distinguished in this department; Ball Hughes, the well known sculptor; Lutz, the artist; Seba Smith, whose Jack Downing letters received such general approval years ago; the erratic but brilliant writer, Charles G. Halpine; Elliott the artist, and Professor Adler; two well known editors, William M. Swain, formerly of the Philadelphia Ledger, and Moses Beach, the editor of the New York Sun, while the art preservative lost one of its ablest members in the death of John Wilson of Cambridge.

Several distinguished members of the clergy have departed. Those best known are the Right Rev. John H. Hopkins, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Vermont; Rev. Dr. Burroughs and Rev. Phineas Stowe of Boston. Among other well known names now erased from the record of the living are those of Captain J. S. Constock, Rear Admiral B. H. General, Colonel J. H. D. Blake, Col. E. G. Parker, Major Joseph M. Bell and Kit Carson.

Among the theatrical profession death has removed many who had won distinction. There have passed away, during the year, Miss Julia Dean, a name celebrated by many dramatic triumphs; W. C. Forbes, the actor and manager; Madame Ismaels Menken; John Sefton, and others.

Many distinguished men who have rendered to the nation and the different States great service by the wisdom of the councils, have died. Prominent among these are Thaddeus Stevens (ex-Gov. Lincoln); ex-Lieut. Governor Geo. Hull; ex-Gov. Ellsworth; Judge Chas. P. Huntington; ex-Governors Ford and Todd of Ohio; Hon. Portus Baxter, of Vermont; ex-Lieut. Gov. Childs; Hon. Robert B. Hall, Hon. W. C. Rives, of Virginia; Hon. Jonathan B. Field; ex-President Buchanan; Peter Cagier; ex-Gov. Wells, of Maine; 1 Francis Granger; ex-Gov. Seymour of Connecticut; and Hon. Nehemiah Boynton.

Among those who have died in foreign lands, whose names are familiar to American ears, we may enumerate M. Athase Laurent Coquerel, the eminent pastor of the French Protestant Church in Paris; Charles Kean, the celebrated actor and artistic manager, who produced the works of Shakespeare in a manner unprecedented; Sir David Brewster, the philosopher and man of science; the great Lord Brougham, the statesman and scholar; Samuel Lover, the poet, author and artist; Sir Edward Head, the author of "Marochetti," the eminent sculptor; Thon as D'Arcy McGee, the eminent Irishman who was killed in Ottawa; Dean Milman; Rossini, the composer; Baron James Rothschild, the great banker, and Berryer, the great French advocate, have passed away, with a host of others less known on this side of the water, but distinguished for high attainments in the varied walks of life. A rough and imperfect record of the ravages of the Reaper, the list embraces the more prominent of the dead of the year drawing to a close.—Boston Journal.

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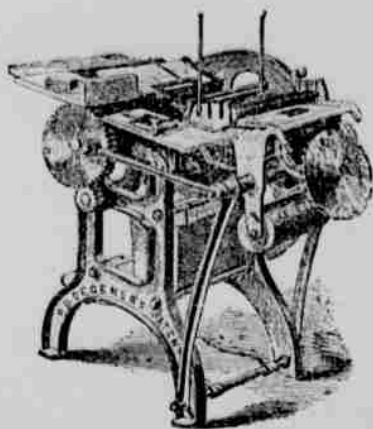
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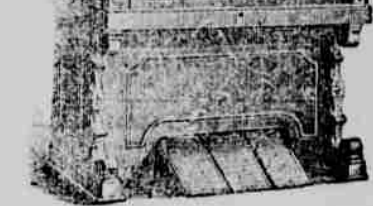
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